

Fiscal Year 10 Appropriations Project Requests**Overview**

There has been a lot of interest in the federal appropriations process. In an effort to promote unprecedented transparency, Congress and the Appropriations Committee, of which I am a member, have required all earmark project requests be placed online and accessible to the public.

My office accepts funding requests for projects deemed a priority by the local community and provide a widespread benefit to constituents of the 23rd District of Texas, our communities, the State of Texas and our nation. The types of projects I requested funding for in Fiscal Year 2010 support community development and will make our communities better, safer places to live and work. I am requesting funding for projects that make investment in water resources, transportation, energy and environment, agriculture, healthcare, education, workforce, military construction and research, and public safety for our communities. Historically, congressional districts receive a much smaller percentage than is requested by their Members of Congress. Projects receiving funding will be published within the appropriation bills passed by Congress.

While the large majority of funding requests made are from public or non-profit entities, some private and for-profits can make funding requests but would still have to competitively bid before they receive funding. For information about the projects I requested funding for in Fiscal Year 2010, click on the related bill. The agencies within jurisdiction of each bill is listed below.

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

(Department of Agriculture; Farm Credit Administration; Farm Credit System Financial Assistance; Commodity Futures Trading Commission & Food and Drug Administration (HHS) and related agencies)

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

(Departments of Commerce and Justice; NASA; National Science Foundation and related agencies)

Defense

(Department of Defense; Departments of Army; Departments of Navy; Departments of Air Force; Central Intelligence Agency and related agencies)

Energy and Water Development

(Department of Energy; Department of Army Corps of Engineers-Civil; Department of Interior – Bureau of Reclamation and related agencies)

Financial Services and General Government

(Department of Treasury; District of Columbia; Small Business Administration; The Judiciary; Executive Office of the President; other related agencies and independent agencies)

Department of Homeland Security and Other Matters

(Department of Homeland Security)

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

(Department of Interior; Environmental Protection Agency and other related agencies)

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

(Department of Education; Department of Health and Human Services; Department of Labor and other related agencies)

Legislative Branch

(House of Representatives; Capitol Police; Government Accountability Office; Congressional Budget Office and other related agencies)

Military Construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

(Department of Defense – certain agencies including military construction, BRAC, and military housing; Department of Veterans Affairs and related agencies)

State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

(Department of State; Department of Defense - certain agencies; Department of Treasury; Peace Corps; and related agencies)

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

(Department of Housing and Urban Development; Department of Transportation and other related agencies)

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Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related AgenciesFiscal Year 2010 Project Requests**Beef Improvement Research, MO, TX**

Texas A&M University AgriLife Research, 1500 Research Parkway, Suite 150, 2259 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843

Beef is the number one gross income sector for agriculture and the backbone of many rural communities. With bioenergy and additional pressures related to the environment, scientific advances are critical in feeding efficiency to maintain this economic driver in rural communities. Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

Borderlands Conservation Initiative

Sul Ross State University, Post Office Box C-114, Alpine, TX 79832

The Borderlands Conservation Initiative at SRSU works with private landowners and developers to implement sound conservation practices that will not only protect important natural resources and wildlife, but also will promote more economically viable farm and ranch lands. Amount Requested: \$3,000,000

Designing Foods for Health, TX

Texas A&M University AgriLife Research, 1500 Research Parkway, Suite 150, 2259 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843

Increasing fruits and vegetables from 400 to 600 grams/day is expected to reduce the risk of coronary heart disease and stroke as well as health care cost by \$2,000/person/year. Prevention is a more desirable path to decrease the morbidity and mortality associated with heart disease and diabetes. The benefit of the proposed interdisciplinary research will reach consumers, health care providers, farmers, and government agencies through healthier lifestyles and the reduction of health care costs. Amount Requested: \$3,800,000

Efficient Irrigation, NM, TX, Extension Activities

Texas A&M University AgriLife Research, 1500 Research Parkway, Suite 150, 2259 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843

This cooperative and education initiative focuses on reducing the amount of irrigation water needed to produce crops economically, conserving water and helping to meet rapidly expanding urban water demands. Extension project personnel provide training, education and technical assistance to agricultural producers, urban residents and municipal water system operators, teaching them about irrigation system efficiency. Amount Requested: \$2,500,000

Efficient Irrigation, NM, TX, Research Activities

Texas A&M University AgriLife Research, 1500 Research Parkway, Suite 150, 2259 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843

This cooperative and education initiative focuses on reducing the amount of irrigation water needed to produce crops economically, conserving water and helping to meet rapidly expanding urban water demands. Research activities funded by the project cover all 31 Texas counties in the Rio Grande Basin watershed. Project personnel provide research, training and technical assistance for priority issues to agricultural producers, urban residents, irrigation district personnel, municipal water system operators, consulting engineers, irrigation district managers and others. Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

Joe Skeen Institute for Rangeland Restoration

Texas A&M University AgriLife Research, 1500 Research Parkway, Suite 150, 2259 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843

The Joe Skeen Institute for Rangeland Restoration conducts research and then educates local farmers and ranchers about rangeland management. With increased rangeland productivity there is increased economic activity for rural communities creating jobs and a higher quality of life.
Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

Reducing Incidents of Diabetes and Hypertension in Underserved Populations

Texas A&M University AgriLife Research, 1500 Research Parkway, Suite 150, 2259 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843

This initiative will provide a comprehensive educational and outreach program on diabetes and hypertension with a targeted emphasis on underserved and disadvantaged communities in Southwest Texas. A multi-disciplinary approach will be developed to educate health care professionals, volunteers, educators, and community leaders who will ultimately help children and their families to recognize, understand, and prevent diabetes and hypertension. This program will reduce the incidence of disease and chronic conditions subsequently reducing health care costs that burden families. Amount Requested: \$300,000

Sustainable Agriculture Water Conservation, TX

Sul Ross State University, Post Office Box C-114, Alpine, TX 79832

The primary project goal is to create a basin-wide perspective for management of the scarce water resources of the Rio Grande. Better management of the water resources will affect domestic, agricultural and industrial use as well as in-stream flows critical to habitat and quality of life. Amount Requested: \$1,950,000

Wool Research, MT, TX, WY

Texas A&M University AgriLife Research, 1500 Research Parkway, Suite 150, 2259 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843

The two major objectives of the program are to develop a fine-wool sheep capable of producing significantly finer and more valuable wool that is well adapted to western ranges in the United States and to provide technological support for projects designed to increase profitability of sheep and goat enterprises and improve productivity and safety of western rangelands. Sheep and goats are an important component of the ranching community and the jobs created comprise a significant part of the regional economy. Amount Requested: \$300,000

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Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related AgenciesFiscal Year 2010 Project Requests**El Paso County Sheriffs Technology Upgrade**

El Paso County Sheriffs Office, 3850 Justice Drive El Paso, TX 79938

This project will upgrade the El Paso County Sheriff's Office equipment and technology infrastructure to combat the increased crime on the US-Mexico Border. This includes forensic system equipment, fingerprint workstations, and personal protection gear for officers and other upgrades. Amount Requested: \$1,220,354

Greenhouse Gas Database

Southwest Research Institute, 6220 Culebra Road, San Antonio, Texas 78238

Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio is a non-profit research facility conducting ground breaking research. The project goal is to improve by 100 fold NOAA's (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) capability to collect, analyze and register green house gases. Scientific data is necessary as we become more aware of our environment. Decisions made in this area will cause industries to rise or fall, create or eliminate jobs, protect or damage global resources. Amount Requested: \$5,000,000

Helotes Dispatch Center and Public Safety Access Point (PSAP)

City of Helotes, 12951 Bandera Rd. Helotes, TX 78023

The City of Helotes currently relies on neighboring municipalities for dispatch services. Rising costs is requiring the City to install a new dispatch center and new PSAP in order to communicate with neighboring cities and towns. This project will be save money in the community in the long run and improve public safety for local residents. Amount Requested: \$400,000

Law Enforcement Visual Intelligence Tool

Rio Grande Council of Governments, 1100 N. Stanton Ste. 610 El Paso, TX 79902

This project will allow the mostly rural six county area of West Texas to access state-of-the-art digital, aerial imagery and geospatial information in order to improve preparation and response as well as enhance coordination between emergency responders responding to rural and remote areas. Amount Requested: \$1,500,000

Medina Mobile Data Systems

Medina County Sheriffs Office, 801 Ave Y, Hondo, TX 78861

This project further creates an Interoperable Emergency Radio Communications System to facilitate mobile dispatch and improve officer safety in the region. Currently the emergency response times are significantly hampered by the inability to reach officers due to existing poor radio coverage in certain areas of the County. Amount Requested: \$2,866,000

San Antonio Police Technology Improvements

San Antonio Police Department, 214 W. Nueva San Antonio, TX 78207

This project will enhance equipment and technology at the San Antonio Police Department. This includes the installation of in-car technology for 81 vehicles of the Traffic Division and the implementation of a digital imagery capture and storage system, by the San Antonio Police Department. Amount Requested: \$1,870,000

VIRUS

University of Texas (McDonald Observatory), PO Box 7397, Austin, TX 78713

This project expands research using VIRUS spectrograph equipment located at the McDonald Observatory operated by the University of Texas. The prototype VIRUS spectrograph has been built and tested at McDonald Observatory, and it operates to the specifications needed for this unique research. This project also shares research with its educational and outreach programs for visitors. Amount Requested: \$2,800,000

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Defense**Fiscal Year 2010 Project Requests****Aerial Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Vulnerability Testing (AIVT)**

Aerospace Missions Corporation, 7362 Remcon Circle, El Paso, TX 79912

As Unmanned Aerial Systems (UASs) become increasingly operational and available, the potential for use as an IED becomes higher. Testing must be performed to determine potential effects on personnel and equipment. This project performs research locally in this field. Amount Requested: \$5 million

BUSTER Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Blacklight Night Vision Advanced Technology

Mission Technologies, Inc, 14785 Omicron Dr., Ste. 102, San Antonio, TX 78245

This project provides a surveillance capability unknown in today's military. Units will have the capability to provide immediate, unit-specific surveillance with multiple miniature Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) capable of withstanding significantly higher winds and an increased payload than current miniature UAVs. Amount Requested: \$ 5,425,413

Center for Hetero-functional Materials (CHM)

Sul Ross State University, Box C-139, Alpine, TX 79832

This project explores the miniaturization and versatility of electronic components, which has implications in unlimited areas, both military and commercial. These "hetero-functional materials" and structures will allow devices to be built on a single chip, thereby reducing costs and size while enabling more versatility than is currently achievable. Amount Requested: \$5 million

Flashlight Soldier-to-Soldier Combat Identification System

ATR Electronics, Inc., 109 Ridgmont Ave, San Antonio, TX 78209

Friendly fire casualties increased 300% during the Iraq invasion compared to 1991 Desert Storm. Efforts to reduce friendly fire casualties through doctrine and training and "Blue Force Tracking" have not succeeded well enough. This project develops attachable equipment to enabling identification among friendly forces thereby reducing the risk of friendly fire among ground forces. Amount Requested: \$4.5 million

Medical Training Technology Enhancement Initiative

BearingPoint, 14100 San Pedro Pacific Plaza, Suite 700, San Antonio, TX 78232

This project expands of the use of RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) technology into Emergency Medicine and Combat Life Saving areas. This project expands the wireless technology (currently in place at Ft. Sam Houston) in to 25 additional training sites. Amount Requested: \$4.5 million

Mobile Optical Tracking System (MOTS) All Sky Imager (MASI)

Trex Enterprises, 10455 Pacific Center Court, San Diego, CA 92121

This project dramatically multiplies the detection of enemy threat launches and determines the launch location. The Mobile Optical Tracking System (MOTS) All Sky Imager (MASI) uses state of the art technology to image the entire sky for detection of low elevation threats as well as threats directly overhead. Placed on a mobile platform it has the ability to be placed in key locations for protection as well as for use by any combat forces in theater. Amount Requested: \$5 million

Pecos Research Test Center for Homemade Explosives and Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device

(VBIED) Testing

Applied Research Associates, Inc., 1848 Lockhill-Selma Rd. Suite 102, San Antonio, TX 78213

This project provides research and testing of Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Devices (VBIEDs) or car bombs to develop recommendations to mitigate personnel injury and increase survivability of vehicle explosions. No other project currently tests VBIEDs at full vehicle speed. Amount Requested: \$5.2 million

Re-Engineering Industry for Defense Sustainment (REIDS)

JM Waller Associates, 85 NE Loop 410, Suite 500, San Antonio, TX 78216

The military has a documented challenge in securing parts and components for older systems. REIDS will ensure that these parts are available at significant savings to the government because the Department of Defense will retain ownership of technical data packages. Amount Requested: \$6.2 million

Strategic Biofuels Supply Program

General Atomics, 947 West I20, Pecos, TX 79772

This project develops renewable and independently sustainable biofuel sources for the Air Force, the largest user of JP-8 jet fuel in the world. This project uses microalgae to generate 5,000 gallons of fuel per acre per year, comparable to 50 gallons of fuel per acre per year produced by other biofuels, and can be produced on unused tracts of land already located on bases. It also has extreme potential impact for commercial use. Amount Requested: \$8.5 million

Techniques to Manage Noncompressible Hemorrhage Following Combat Injury

National Trauma Institute, 16500 San Pedro Avenue, Suite 350, San Antonio, TX 78232

Hemorrhage is responsible for 30% to 40% of deaths following a traumatic injury, and higher for combat injuries. Studies show that noncompressible hemorrhage from injuries to the torso is the leading cause of potentially survivable deaths of American troops. This project will develop simple, rapid and field expedient techniques for non-surgeons to stop noncompressible hemorrhages. Doing so will greatly enhance the probability of survival of a victim while they are transported to a surgical facility. This research will be done locally and has potential application in the warzone as well as in domestic trauma. Amount Requested: \$4.5 million

Texas Research Institute for Environmental Studies (TRIES)

Sul Ross State University, Box C-139, Alpine, TX 79832

TRIES technology recovers waste water and "sludge" into a potable and sustainable source of water. This technology is unique in that it is mobile and can be deployed into the battlefield and/or disaster area. This local research project fulfills a military needs will enhance military readiness as well as alleviate potential future water shortages in the United States. Amount Requested: \$3.5 million

Thresholds for Neurological Injuries from Repeated Blast Exposures

Applied Research Associates, Inc., 1848 Lockhill-Selma Rd. Suite 102, San Antonio, TX 78213

This project fills a vital gap in research to determine the safety of troops exposed to repeated blasts, such as Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), Grenades, Artillery, and other explosive devices. The research will result in developing tactics and techniques to mitigate the risk of blast injury, including limb exposure and traumatic brain injury. This is the only project currently studying these methods. Amount Requested: \$6.57 million

VetConnect Wounded Warrior Recovery & Community Transition Program: Texas/New England Pilot Project

Enable America, P.O. Box 3031, Tampa, FL 33601

This project improves the recovery outcome of wounded warriors through the early introduction of similarly wounded peer mentors who have completed or are completing the recovery process, coupled with wellness activities designed to boost the wounded warrior's confidence and self esteem. In addition, this program provides community outreach programs. Amount Requested: \$ 2,589,424

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Energy and Water DevelopmentFiscal Year 2010 Project Requests**Automated Meter Infrastructure**

San Antonio Water System, 2800 U.S. Highway 281 North, San Antonio, TX 78212

The Automated Meter Infrastructure (AMI) system conserves water through efficient management. AMI provides critical, real-time data daily to help inform and educate customers about their water bills and water use patterns. Having a system that accurately and effectively gauges water use consumption will better conserve water throughout the community, while also reducing operational expense. Amount Requested: \$3,000,000

Cienegas Creek

Val Verde County, P.O. Box 4250, County Courthouse, Del Rio, TX 78841

This project is a continuation of previously authorized Army Corps of Engineers activities to be used for flood control on a section of Cienegas Creek due to increased flooding in recent years. Amount Requested: \$450,000

Guadalupe and San Antonio River Basin

San Antonio River Authority, 100 E. Guenther, San Antonio, TX 78283

This project is a continuation of the basin-wide study by Army Corps of Engineers that investigates the water resource problems, needs and opportunities to determine alternatives for flood risk management, ecosystem restoration, water quality, water supply, recreation and other allied purposes. This will promote economic vitality; reduce the threat to residents and businesses from natural disaster by identifying flood risk; protect and restore natural resources; and explore opportunities to increase water supply through aquifer recharge. Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Nueces River Tributary

San Antonio Water System, 2800 U.S. Highway 281 North, San Antonio, TX 78212

The Nueces River Basin feasibility study is an Army Corps of Engineers project to continue a detailed study of the complex water issues of the basin. This project will help the San Antonio Water System ensure the health of the Nueces River, which in turn helps Edwards Aquifer through recharge features. Firm recharge benefits San Antonio and Bexar County water supply as well as the springs that support species in Nueces River Springs and Edwards Aquifer. Amount Requested: \$800,000

Project Green Light

City of Eagle Pass, 100 S. Monroe, Eagle Pass, TX 78852

Project Green Light involves the replacement of 2,800 street lights to serve as a model for future lighting programs in South Texas and the border region. Installing energy efficient, environmentally friendly, electrode-less induction lamps on the city streets would help to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and diversify the city's energy sources. 40,000 residents and many more visitors would be immediately affected. Amount Requested: \$1,086,400

Rio Grande & Unnamed Tributaries

City of Eagle Pass, 100 S. Monroe, Eagle Pass, TX 78852

This project is a continuation of previously authorized Army Corps of Engineers activities to repair flood prevention facilities along an unnamed tributary of the Rio Grande River due to flooding in recent years. This project is necessary to promote economic vitality and reduce the threat of flooding to residents and local businesses. Amount Requested: \$1,086,400

San Antonio River Channel Improvement

San Antonio River Authority, 100 E. Guenther, San Antonio, TX 78283

This project is a continuation of previously authorized activities to restore an 8-mile stretch of the San Antonio River south of downtown previously channelized for flood control purposes. It is projected that improvements from the entire 13-mile San Antonio River Improvements Project will generate \$1 billion in economic return. Approximately 200 construction jobs will be created and the project will promote economic development opportunities adjacent to the restored river.
Amount Requested: \$65,100,000

Solar Panel Expansion Initiative

Presidio Independent School District, 100 Market Street, Presidio, TX 79845

Presidio Independent School District (ISD) intends to place solar arrays on all buildings within the school district which includes a total of 10 buildings on 3 campuses. Implementing these solar panels will enable Presidio ISD to develop a cost-effective solar energy program that will help diversify the energy consumption of the ISD. For a rural community with limited financial resources, it is important to reduce energy costs as well as lessen dependence on non-renewable energy sources. Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

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Financial Services and General Government**Fiscal Year 2010 Project Requests****Fort Stockton Small Business Development Program, Administrative Provisions**

Fort Stockton Economic Development Corporation, 1000 East Railroad Avenue, Fort Stockton, TX 79735-3450

This request will facilitate economic growth in Ft. Stockton, Texas and the broader Pecos County area by providing resources for small business development and promising local private sector initiatives to meet the region's economic demands. Funding will be used to enhance workforce development, technical assistance, and small business services in this rural and underdeveloped region. Amount Requested: \$150,000

Maverick County Small Business Development Program, Administrative Provisions

Maverick County Development Corporation, P.O. Box 3693, Eagle Pass, Texas 78853

This request will facilitate economic growth in Eagle Pass, Texas and the broader Maverick County area by providing resources for small business development and promising local private sector initiatives to meet the region's economic demands. Funding will be used to enhance workforce development, technical assistance, and small business services in this rural and underdeveloped region. Amount Requested: \$150,000

Pecos City Small Business Development Program, Administrative Provisions

Pecos Economic Development Corporation, 503 S. Cypress, P.O. Box 1493, Pecos, TX 79772

This request will facilitate economic growth in Pecos City, Texas and the broader Reeves County area by providing resources for small business development and promising local private sector initiatives to meet the region's economic demands. Funding will be used to enhance workforce development, technical assistance, and small business services in this rural and underdeveloped region. Amount Requested: \$150,000

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Department of Homeland Security and Other Matters**Fiscal Year 2010 Project Requests****Cibolo Creek Levee Renovation**

Presidio County, 301 N Highland Ave., Marfa, TX 79843

This project is to renovate the flood channel for Cibolo Creek. Without renovation there is a real danger of a washout resulting in major flooding to parts of the City of Presidio. In 2008, Presidio suffered major flooding and fortification of levees is essential to prevent future damages by flooding. Amount Requested: \$200,000

Community Cyber Security Maturity Model Development

University of Texas- San Antonio, One UTSA Circle, San Antonio, TX 78249

This project continues and expands the work to create a Community Cyber Security Maturity Model (CCSMM). The CCSMM is part of a grass-roots program to secure the nation's critical cyber infrastructures starting at the community level. The model provides a roadmap for states and communities to follow to establish a viable and sustainable cyber security program. The University of Texas at San Antonio has become an expert in training and development of local communities in this field. Amount Requested: \$10,000,000

Del Rio Emergency Operations Center

City of Del Rio, 109 West Broadway, Del Rio, TX 78840

This funding will allow for the completion of the Del Rio Emergency Operations Center. The EOC is necessary in order to ensure an effective and coordinated response to situations involving large scale emergencies, such as: natural disasters (tornados, floods, high winds, lightning, hail, ice, etc), hazardous materials incidents, pandemic outbreak, fires, explosions, large scale power outages, terrorist attack, and other events involving civil unrest. Amount Requested: \$285,000

Maverick County Emergency Operations Center

Middle Rio Grande Development Council, 307 W. Nopal St. Carrizo Springs, TX, 78834

This project will allow for the creation of a regional Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The County has donated 90 acres of land for this project. The EOC will serve as a centralized command center for emergencies such as tornados, flooding, etc. Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

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Interior, Environment, and Related AgenciesFiscal Year 2010 Project Requests**Big Bend National Park Auditorium**

National Park Service, Department of Interior, Intermountain Region Office 12795 West Alameda Parkway, Denver, CO 80225-0287

Unlike many other National Parks of its size, Big Bend National Park does not have an auditorium to allow the more than 350,000 annual visitors the opportunity to enjoy the park from an educational point of view. Funding for this program would allow for the construction of an auditorium adding to the tourist experience and the local tourist economy. Amount Requested: \$500,000

City of Helotes Drainage Improvement Projects

City of Helotes, 12951 Bandera Road, Helotes, TX 78023

The City of Helotes has drainage and flooding problems in parts of the community. Funding is requested for improvements and upgrades to the existing facilities to protect the community property and residents of Helotes. Requested Amount: \$7,247,359

Crystal City Water Improvements Project

City of Crystal City, 101 East Dimmit Street, Crystal City, TX 78839

Upgrades and improvements to the Crystal City Water System are necessary to prevent water source contamination. This project will allow for continued water and wastewater services to the residents and enable future growth for the community of Crystal City. Amount Requested: \$2,612,926

Del Rio Storm Sewer Project

City of Del Rio, 109 West Broadway, Del Rio TX 78840

The City of Del Rio, Texas has an electrical substation which provides electrical power to large portions of the city. The low location of the substation is threatened by runoff water during heavy rain and floods. Runoff water contact to the substation would be potentially hazardous for residents and the environment. The requested funding would be utilized to improve 7 blocks of storm water sewers and piping eliminating the threat of contact to the substation. Amount Requested: \$1,300,000

Elmendorf Water Well and Plant

City of Elmendorf, 203 Bexar Avenue, Elmendorf, TX 78112

The City of Elmendorf, Texas currently has no city water service. In order to accommodate the expected growth and provide service to existing residents, a water well and plant is necessary. The requested funding for this project would allow for additional water supply to the city that will provide basic infrastructure needs and will add to economic growth. Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Fair Oaks Ranch Storm Water Drainage Improvement Project

City of Fair Oaks Ranch, 7286 Dietz Elkhorn, Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015

Fair Oaks Ranch is a community that has experienced growth. With growth, the community has experienced problems with drainage of excess storm water. Drainage improvements are vital for the safety of the residents, businesses and schools. This funding would go towards the critically needed infrastructure to improve of the City's storm water drainage system. Amount Requested: \$220,000

Fort Davis Historic Site Land Acquisition

National Park Service, Department of Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington DC 20240

Fort Davis Historic Site has significant historical and cultural importance to our nation's western expansion. The Community of Fort Davis and the surrounding areas have been dedicated to preserving this important site. Currently, a prominent bluff in the viewshed of the park has been placed on the market for sale and potential development. Congress recently authorized the acquisition of this land however the NPS has not been allocated funding for attainment. This funding would allow the National Park Service (NPS) to obtain the land for Fort Davis Historic Site and preserve a piece of our nation's history. Amount Requested: \$500,000

Fort Stockton Drinking Water Project

City of Fort Stockton, PO Box 1000, 121 West Second Street, Fort Stockton, TX 79735

The City of Fort Stockton is experiencing rapid growth which has lead to a critical a shortage of potable water. The Fort Stockton Drinking Water project would allow for new wells and water delivery system for the city, to meet the demands of economic growth. Amount Requested: \$6,600,000 potable

Potable Water Projects for Colonias in Val Verde County

Val Verde County, 400 Pecan Street, Del Rio, TX 78840

Val Verde County Colonia residents currently have no access to safe, clean, potable water. Funding for this project would allow for an extension of potable water into these communities. Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

San Antonio Water System Brackish Groundwater Desalination Facility

San Antonio Water System, 2800 U.S. Highway 281 North, San Antonio, TX 78298

As result of The San Antonio Water System is working to explore other possible water supply options for the future use. One such option is converting brackish groundwater to potable water. The requested funding is for exploration of a Desalination Facility in Southern Bexar County. Amount Requested: \$3,000,000

Sonora Water and Wastewater Project

City of Sonora, 201 N.E. Main, Sonora TX 76950

The City of Sonora's water system is dated over 30 years and in dire need of upgrades to provide continued water and wastewater service to the residents of city and Sutton County. Funding for this project would upgrade Sonora's Water Distribution System, Sewer Collection System and Wastewater Treatment Plant. Amount Requested: \$8,250,000

Von Ormy Wastewater Project

City of Von Ormy, PO Box 10, Von Ormy, TX 78073

The Von Ormy Wastewater Construction Project will address a dire need for sewer service in the community that is currently non existent. The current situation presents a significant health hazard to the community. Funding for this project would provide important infrastructure needs so the City's residents and business will have access to a safe and clean sewer system. Amount Requested: \$1,955,193

Yancey Water Supply Corporation Water System Improvements

Yancey Water Supply Corporation, PO Box 127, Yancey, TX 78886

Funding for this project would allow Yancey Water Supply Corporation (WSC) to improve its

water systems and to allow for continued services to the growing communities of Hondo, Castroville, Devine, Yancey and others in Medina County Texas. Amount Requested: \$1,938,750

Zavala County Colonia Water and Wastewater Projects

County of Zavala, 200 East Uvalde, Suite 9, Crystal City, TX 78839

Residents of Zavala County Colonias currently have neither access to safe, clean and sanitary drinking water nor sanitary and safe wastewater collections. Funds for this project would enable improvements to water and wastewater systems in these communities and will improve the quality of life for its residents. Amount Requested: \$4,577,626

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Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related AgenciesFiscal Year 2010 Project Requests**AVANCE Parent-Child Education Program**

AVANCE, Inc., 118 North Medina, San Antonio TX 78207

AVANCE, Inc. provides a Parent Child Education program in Del Rio and Eagle Pass, Texas. This funding would allow the program to serve economically distressed families. It is research proven to have a major impact on advancing the economic conditions and outcomes for families with young children through early childhood education, community resource awareness and adult education. Amount Requested: \$500,000

Children's Center for Collaborative Care

The Board of Trustees for Bexar County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services d/b/a The Center for Health Care Services, 3031 IH 10 West, San Antonio, TX 78201

The Center for Health Care Services' Children's Center for Collaborative Care project will provide for a Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Services Center that would offer crisis screenings, assessments, disposition recommendations, outreach and treatment for youth. Amount Requested: \$ 3,750,000

Eagle Pass Satellite Clinic

United Medical Centers, 2525 North Veteran's Blvd, Eagle Pass, TX 78852

United Medical Centers, a Federally Qualified Health Center in Eagle Pass, Texas is constructing a new satellite clinic to provide OB/GYN and "after hours" services. This project will create up to 20-25 construction jobs and will allow United Medical Centers to serve a minimum of 1,500-2,000 additional patients. Amount Requested: \$1,275,000

Eye Care Initiative

Congressional Glaucoma Caucus Foundation, 1983 Marcus Avenue, Suite 111, Lake Success, NY 11042

The Eye Care Initiative would expand glaucoma/vision screenings, follow-up and treatment services for at-risk populations in Uvalde and Bexar Counties. Amount Requested: \$125,000

Health Care Service Sites Enhancement Project

Vida Y Salud-Health Systems, Inc., 308 Cesar Chavez Avenue, Crystal City TX 78839

Vida Y Salud-Health Systems, Inc., a Federally Qualified Health Center, is in need of improved bandwidth and gas powered backup generators at two school based satellite clinics in the Crystal City Independent School District and the La Pryor Independent School District. This project would allow the Health Center to use existing IT systems at the satellite clinics and provide services to a greater amount of the residents of Zavala County. Amount Requested: \$250,000

Institute for Cardiovascular Systems Biology (ICSB)

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, 7703 Floyd Curl Drive, San Antonio, TX 78229

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Institute for Cardiovascular Systems Biology (ICSB) is a collaborative research effort of biologists, engineers, and clinicians to develop a computer simulation program of post heart attack response, to predict which patients are vulnerable for adverse events. Research findings have the potential to save lives of those who have life threatening heart conditions. Amount Requested: \$2,157,165

Middle Rio Grande Youth Employment Success (Y.E.S.)

Middle Rio Grande Development Council, 307 West Nopal Street, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834

The Youth Employment Success (Y.E.S.) program works to identify and address students who are at risk of dropping out of high school. The program is also designed to reach out to students that have already dropped out and work with them to attain a GED and gain the necessary skills to become self-reliant members of the community. The Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments implements this program in cooperation with six school districts in the region. Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Pecos County Williams Regional Technical Training Center Expansion
Pecos County, 103 West Callaghan, Fort Stockton, TX 79735

There is a large influx of alternative energy industry projects in Pecos County in the form of wind, solar and natural gas. It is expected that approximately 350 construction and technical jobs will be available to support the industry. This funding will allow the Williams Regional Technical Training Center (WRTTC) in Pecos County to provide an Energy Technician Certificate to address this regions workforce training needs. Amount Requested: \$1,750,000

Presidio County Health Services Radiology Department and Equipment Upgrade Project
Presidio County Health Services, Inc., PO Box 267, Marfa, TX 79843

Presidio County is extremely remote with 32% of the population uninsured and the nearest hospital over 90 miles away. This project would allow the Presidio County Health Services, Inc., a Federally Qualified Health Center, to create a Radiology Department and acquire equipment for exam and treatment rooms. This will enable development of nonexistent health care in the region. Amount Requested: \$750,000

San Antonio - Alamo Region Air Traffic Controller Training Program
Alamo Community Colleges, 201 West Sheridan, San Antonio TX 78204

Alamo Community Colleges currently provides an Associate Degree in an Air Traffic Controller Training Program. Funding would enable the College to provide education and training critically important to the San Antonio area and the Country as a whole, as hiring trends for Air Traffic Controllers are expected to increase dramatically over the next decade. Amount Requested: \$300,000

San Antonio Health and Wellness Center
El Centro del Barrio d/b/a CentroMed, 2300 West Commerce, Suite 300, San Antonio TX 78207

CentroMed is currently in the process of constructing a Health and Wellness Center in South San Antonio. The center will benefit an additional 24,000 low-income working families and residents that do not currently have access to affordable health care. Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Southwest Texas Junior College Telecommunications Infrastructure Upgrade
Southwest Texas Junior College, 2401 Garner Field Road, Uvalde, TX 78801

Southwest Texas Junior College operates campuses in 4 very rural communities that have no access to post-secondary educational opportunities. The distance and vast geographical separation of the service area makes telecommunications infrastructure one of the most important tools to allow the college to continue serving students throughout the region. The infrastructure upgrade would allow for continued instructional delivery and additional learning resources that will provide learning tools for the region's future workforce. Amount Requested: \$300,000

Uvalde Center for Community Wellness
Community Health Development, Inc., 201 South Evans, Uvalde, TX 78801

Community Health Development, Inc., a Federally Qualified Health Center in Uvalde, has begun

work on a Center for Community Wellness in Uvalde. The project will provide access to additional health care services for the uninsured and underserved in Uvalde, Edwards, Zavala, Dimmit, Kinney, Maverick and Val Verde Counties. Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

West Texas Rural Workforce Program

Workforce Solutions Upper Rio Grande, 221 N. Kansas #1000, El Paso, TX 79901

Workforce Solutions Upper Rio Grande West Texas Rural initiatives program provides workforce assistance in 5 Rural West Texas Counties. The funding will enhance the program's workforce services through partnerships with local communities, organization and universities to address rural occupation shortages in health care, education and other occupations. Amount Requested: \$250,000

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Legislative Branch

Fiscal Year 2010 Project Requests

Congressman Rodriguez did not submit any appropriations project requests for this bill.

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Military Construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
Fiscal Year 2010 Project Requests

Brooke Army Medical Center Requests

Add Brooke Army Medical Center Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic

Brooke Army Medical Center, 1206 Stanley St., Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234

The military has approved plans for this project and is awaiting funding. This project is to construct an addition to Brooke Army Medical Center to house the Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic which will provide state of the art treatment for soldiers returning from war with Traumatic Brain Injuries. This project will consist of a single story addition which will include treatment, counseling, and administrative spaces. Amount Requested: \$19.5 million

Fort Sam Houston Requests

Replace Bldg 1379

Fort Sam Houston, 1206 Stanley Rd., Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234

The military has approved plans for this project and is awaiting funding. This project is to construct a trainee barracks complex in order to facilitate the programmed transition and consolidation of military medical training from various sites across the US to Fort Sam Houston. Barracks are necessary for housing thousands of trainees each year. Amount Requested: \$54 million

Kelly Field Annex Requests

Add/Alter Aircraft Maintenance Shops

149th Fighter Wing (ANG), Kelly Field Annex, 107 Hensley St, Ste 1, Lackland AFB, TX 78236

The military has approved plans for this project and is awaiting funding. This project provides needed improvements/upgrades to an Aircraft Maintenance building allowing for proper maintenance of F-16 fighter aircraft. The current facility is structurally sound, but requires significant updates to bring building up to code and ensure secure and environmentally safe storage and operation of aircraft parts and equipment. Amount Requested: \$7.2 million

Add/Alter Building 937 For F-16 Flight Simulators

149th Fighter Wing (ANG), Kelly Field Annex, 107 Hensley St, Ste 1, Lackland AFB, TX 78236

The military has approved plans for this project and is awaiting funding. This project is to construct a new building to properly house multiple F-16 simulators allowing state of the art fighter training for hundreds of F-16 pilots annually across the active, reserve, and Air National Guard forces. Amount Requested: \$2.3 million

Addition to 68th Airlift Squadron Operations

433rd Airlift Wing (USAFR), Kelly Field Annex, 203 Galaxy Rd., St 1, Lackland AFB, TX 78236

The military has approved plans for this project and is awaiting funding. This project is to construct an adequately sized and configured facility is required for conducting critical, time sensitive actions in support of command decision makers of the 68th Airlift Squadron and 433rd Airlift Wing. Amount Requested: \$2.5 million

Repair Fuel Cell, Bldg 946

149th Fighter Wing (ANG), Kelly field Annex, 107 Hensley St, Ste 1, Lackland AFB, TX 78236

The military has approved plans for this project and is awaiting funding. This project is to construct a properly sized and configured F-16 aircraft high expansion foam fire suppression system for the Fuel Cell Facility that supports the 149 Fighter Wing's F-16 jet fighter aircraft. An upgrade from the existing outdated fire suppression system to a High Expansion Foam and overhead wet pipe sprinkler protection system is required to properly protect multi-million dollar equipment and personnel. Amount Requested: \$2.7 million

Laughlin Air Force Base Requests

Add/Alter Base Chapel

Laughlin AFB, 561 Liberty Dr., Laughlin AFB, TX 78843

The military has approved plans for this project and is awaiting funding. This project is to construct a chapel facility that meets the needs of the community and a Chapel Activity Center to provide religious education and adequate space for counseling. Work will also include demolition of a 51-year old theater facility which is no longer used due to its configuration and deteriorated condition. Amount Requested: \$5.7 million

Community Event Complex

Laughlin AFB, 561 Liberty Dr, Laughlin AFB, TX 78843

The military has approved plans for this project and is awaiting funding. This project is to construct a community event complex to replace a decades-old facility in disrepair for multi-use purposes, including distinguished visitor events, weekly graduation ceremonies of graduating pilots, an off-duty recreation area for thousands of students annually, and other uses. Amount Requested: \$9.4 million

Student Officer Quarters PH-2 (64 RM)

Laughlin AFB, 561 Liberty Dr., Laughlin AFB, TX 78843

The military has approved plans for this project and is awaiting funding. This project is in the second phase of a two-phase effort to provide Laughlin AFB 120 sorely needed Unaccompanied Officers Quarters (UOQ). This phase provides 64 efficiency style apartments to house 64 students attending Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training (SUPT). It includes appropriate parking, landscaping, and common areas. Also included is the demolition of 41 converted family housing units that are 49 years old and do not meet standards and 21 converted Temporary Lodging Units that are uninhabitable due to their condition. Amount Requested: \$20 million

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